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SUMMER

The Demonstration School

"Exceptions prove the rule" might well be chosen as the title for this column. Certainly twenty-one children have spent six happy weeks at school this summer.

In order that rural school teachers coming back for summer work at Gorham Normal School might have something of a practical nature to carry back to their schoolrooms, a plan was devised to conduct a *model* rural school in one of the classrooms on the hill.

Miss Mayo, who is the teacher of this demonstration school, is a graduate of Geneseo State Normal School of New York and of Buffalo State College. Her present position is that of grade and rural supervisor at Cobleskill, New York, where she has twenty-one schools under her supervision.

The pupils in this school range in ages from six to twelve, and in ability from those who are attempting to make their grade average to those who are preparing for a double promotion. They come to school an hour and a half each morning. Miss Mayo has carried out several successful projects with this group to illustrate what can be done to vitalize a rural school program.

The primary group has been working on a circus project. They have made posters of animals they would see at the circus, and have made paper cages in which they keep these wild beasts.

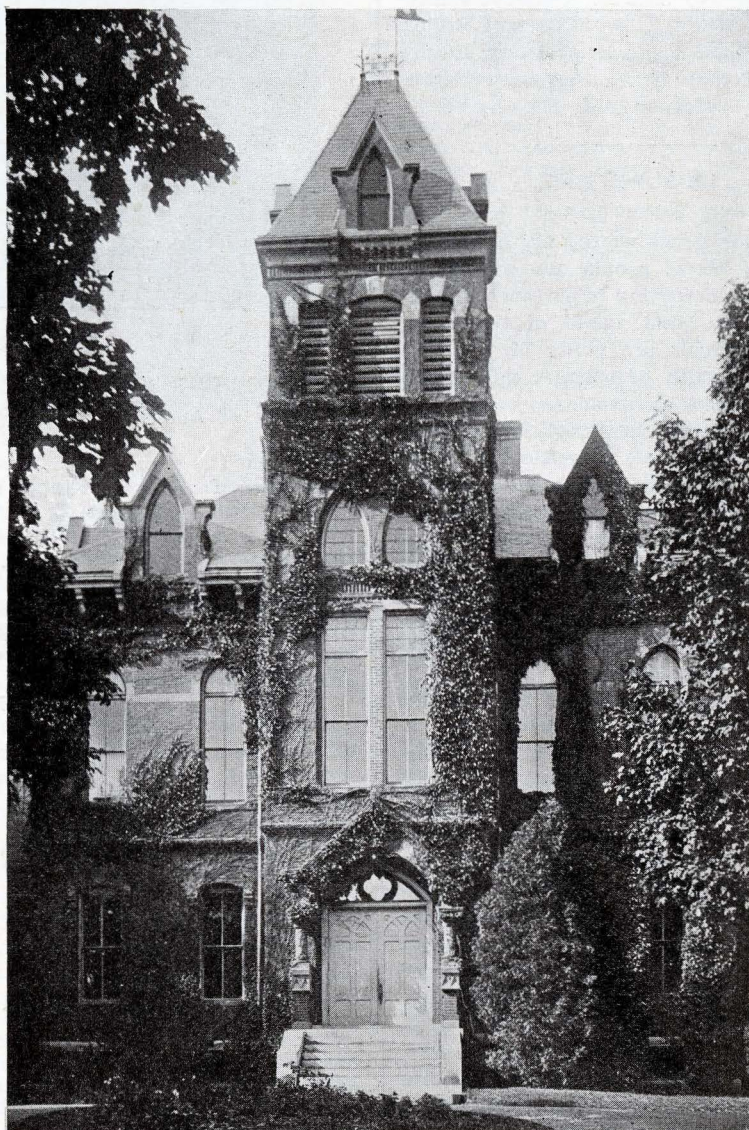
The intermediate group has worked out their project on India. Posters illustrating scenes in India, and booklets telling about the places are two of the activities they have accomplished.

Miss Mayo has formed the advance group into a creative English class. These children have written very good original poems and stories.

During the last two weeks of school the three groups have worked together on a combined project, the making of a school newspaper. Some of their own stories, poems, pictures, and articles are contained in this paper.

Because it is believed that we as teachers have neglected the teaching of English and Reading in the past, these two subjects are given special stress in this demonstration school.

In the morning the teachers taking this course observe the classes while Miss Mayo teaches. In the afternoon a discussion group is held. Studies, class situations, and methods used in the morning observational periods are criticized and discussed. In this way the course is made more valuable and practical to the observing teacher.



Entrance to Cortwell Hall

THE SUMMER SESSION OF 1934

The student body at the summer session consists of 219 members. These students represent every county in this state with at least two representatives from each of four other New England states.

The students range in age from seventeen years to sixty-four; the average age is twenty-nine. The ages are distributed as follows: under twenty, eleven; between twenty and twenty-nine inclusive, one hundred thirty-seven; between thirty and thirty-nine, thirty-two; between forty and forty-nine, twenty-nine; between fifty and fifty-nine, eight; and over sixty, two. Nearly one-third of these students are married.

As would be expected from the ages, the teaching experience of this group is considerable. The total is fifteen hundred ninety-four years. The range of teaching experience is from none, represented by forty-four students, to forty-four years attained by one student.

These students as a group have attended many educational institutions since they were graduated from some

secondary school. Ninety-two of them have previously attended the Gorham Normal School; seventy-two, the Farmington Normal School; nine, Machias; seven, Castine; two, Presque Isle; six, Colby College; five, University of Maine; four, Bates College; five, other normal schools; six, other colleges. At the time of enrolment, one hundred seventy-nine of these students were under contract to teach next year.

One of the objectives of many of these students is to earn a renewal of their teaching certificates; of some, to get credits toward a normal school diploma; of others, to secure credits toward a college degree. Most of the students, however, are here for the help they may get to improve their teaching next year. With this end in view the most popular courses are professional. The demonstration school leads in popularity. Next to this in popularity come methods courses, and content subjects as a group come third.

WALTER EARLE RUSSELL.

ORACLE STAFF

Ardell Elwell Editor-in-Chief
 Charles Towle Business Manager
 Virginia Emery Assistant Editor
 Elizabeth Wiley Assistant Editor
 Frances Huse Assistant Editor
 Lena DeCourcy Assistant Editor
 Faculty Adviser, Miss Bess Lewis

LEISURE TIME

One of the seven cardinal principles of education is the worthy use of leisure. More and more, people are coming to realize the increasing importance of this principle, the vast waste of time that most individuals are guilty of, and the unlimited wealth of cultural value that might be theirs to attain.

A. Barrat Brown, an Englishman, says, "Leisure is the time permitted to us to act freely, the time that is at our own disposal, to be spent in our own way in activities of our own choosing." In other words it is the time left in which we do the things we like to do, after we have done the things we have to do. The activity is the end in itself rather than the means to an end.

The traditional picture of Heaven has been that of a place where leisure is continuous. And at last that leisure has become almost a reality. We know the situation exists and it demands that each and everyone of us use all our means in solving a most important problem.

Changing social belief has brought about a new attitude toward leisure. The old Puritan doctrine that work was always virtuous except on Sunday, has been replaced by a more rational attitude. Henry Suzzalo says, "Well used leisure is not a competitor of productive work. It heightens the pleasure of doing something that needs to be done. Right use of leisure makes us constructive, not destructive."

The Gorham Normal School has fully realized the importance of this principle in the activities of the summer session. Of course, we came here primarily to study, and we paid our attention first to the making of our programs. But we soon found that splendid provision had been made for the wise use of our leisure time. If we were literary-minded, we found current magazines, newspapers, and entertaining books in the library. To those who enjoyed music, the Glee Club made an early, appealing call, and we all enjoyed the "sings" that were held occasionally. Those of us who enjoyed the out-of-doors and a little exercise, found pleasure in croquet or horse-shoes; but if we desired something more strenuous, we turned to tennis or Badminton, or joined the softball or kick-ball teams.

So we had reason to feel that our summer term held much of value to us outside the classroom by providing for the wise use of leisure.



Walter Earle Russell, A.B., D. Ed.

OUR FACULTY

Evolution of American Education
 Walter E. Russell
 Arithmetic I Lois E. Pike
 Arithmetic II Ethlyn F. Upton
 Composition Hayden L. V. Anderson
 Drawing I, II, III Helene C. Wihry
 Economics Clifford O. T. Wieden
 Ethics Louis B. Woodward
 Geography I, II, III Charles S. Preble
 Grammar Hayden L. V. Anderson
 History I, II, III Harriet G. Trask
 Junior High Mathematics
 Ethelyn F. Upton
 Language Hayden L. V. Anderson
 Library Instruction Lydia Jencks
 Literature I, II, III Bess Lewis
 Music I, II, III Miriam E. Andrews
 Social Psychology Louis B. Woodward
 Reading I, II Mrs. Gladys Spearin
 General Science Louis B. Woodward
 Sociology Clifford O. T. Wieden
 Tests and Measures Clifford O. T. Wieden
 Demonstration School Amy M. Mayo

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The Glee Club Concert, to which everyone is invited, will be held in the Junior High School Auditorium, Thursday evening, August 9, at 8.00 o'clock. This event is under the direction of Miss Miriam Andrews, and is sure to prove one of the most delightful events of the summer. The general committee in charge of the event is made up of Mrs. Agnes Wood, Miss Florianne Valliere, Miss Ruth Ahlquist, and Miss Roberta Hooper. Mrs. Laurence Cilley will be the accompanist.

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| A. Salutation | S. R. Gaines |
| Jump-Ups | Surnes |
| Still as the Night | Carl Bahm |
| Glee Club | |
| B. Musical Readings | |
| Spring Gardening | Peck |
| Try Smiling | Rogers |
| Soap | Fergus |
| Mrs. Laurence Cilley | |
| C. Vocal Solos | |
| Homing | Del Riego |
| Sail on Yonder | Grant Shaefer |
| A Disappointment | Hood |
| Miss Miriam Andrews | |
| D. Violin Solos | |
| Selected Group by Miss Alma Lowell | |
| E. Vocal Solos | |
| Songs My Mother Taught Me | Dvorak |
| To You | Rodenbeck |
| The Woodpecker | Nevin |
| Miss Andrews | |
| F. June Rhapsody | Daniels |
| Beauteous Night | Jacques Offenback |
| Glee Club | |

OUR CAMPUS

On the fifteenth of February, 1878, a bill passed the Maine State Legislature authorizing the State Board of Normal School Trustees to establish a normal school in Gorham. The town of Gorham appropriated \$15,000 to aid in erecting a building and providing the land.

The project was further aided by the action of the Trustees of the Gorham Seminary who gave the Seminary building and the lot on which it stood. This lot is now occupied by the Junior High School building.

In 1878 the school building, which is part of the building now known as Corthell Hall, was dedicated. The dormitory was also equipped and ready for use, but in the fall of 1894 was destroyed by fire.

The next year, work was begun on the building now known as Robie Hall. The building was named for ex-Governor Frederick Robie of Gorham, who had been most active in establishing the school.

In 1903 and 1905, Corthell Hall, named for the first principal of Gorham Normal School, was enlarged to provide rooms for all the practice schools as well as classrooms.

The rapidly increasing enrolment caused the lease of Gorham Academy in 1900 to provide dormitory accommodations. This led to a further appropriation and the building of East Hall. The Academy was remodeled and made the work shop for the Industrial Arts Department.

In the fall of 1926 the practice school was transferred from Corthell Hall to the new Junior High.

The increasing demands for health education brought about the establishment of a building to provide for an auditorium and a gymnasium. This last building, Russell, is the newest and one of the most attractive buildings on the Campus.

Packed with work and recreation,

Flash by flash the days have sped
 Till a month and half another

Find the Summer Session fled,
 Leaving all the campus silent

Save the hush-tone of the breeze,
 As it plays in light and shadow

Up among the neighbor trees.

Elm, birch, maple, poplar, apple,

Hemlock, cedar, fir, spruce, pine

Guard and charm the graceful hill slope

With a beauty, yours and mine.

We will meet again at Gorham,

For the BEST is hers to give,

Here where old associations

Foster mem'ries born TO LIVE.

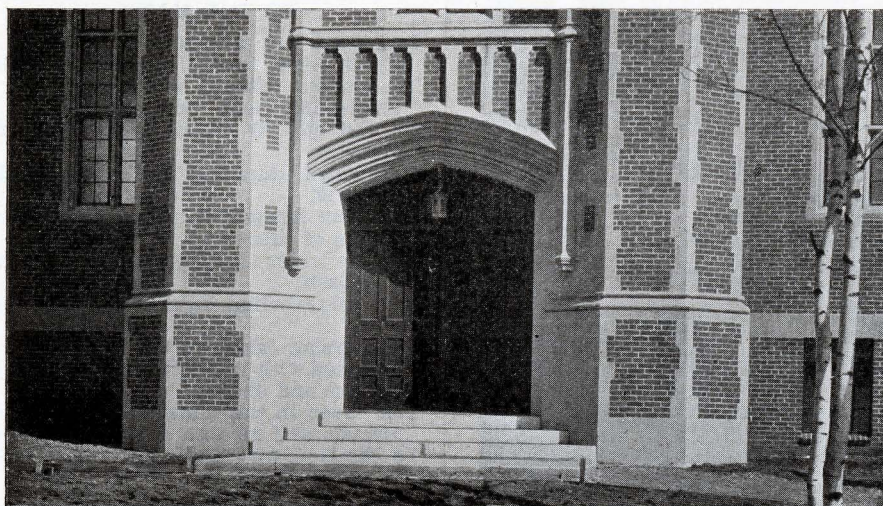
CLARA A. NASH,
 Windham.

OF INTEREST TO NEXT YEAR'S STUDENTS

The F. E. R. Administration has decided to continue part-time aid to college students during the entire next school year on a somewhat larger scale. This means for the Gorham Normal School that the Federal program will provide an opportunity for 12% of the students to earn from ten to twelve dollars per month by part-time work.

This opportunity to earn will be based on (a) need, and (b) character and ability to do normal school work. This aid will be equitably divided between sexes.

This program will enable some students to continue in the normal school and others to enter who without this aid would not find it possible to do so.



Main Doorway to Russell Hall

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The campus of the Gorham Normal School has been well-supplied this summer with recreations and sports of one kind or another. Nearly 100% participation by the student body has been attained under the direction and supervision of Clifford O. T. Wieden. Students have been able to choose their specialty from a wide variety of activities such as croquet, Badminton, barnyard golf, tennis, softball and kickball.

Badminton, a comparatively new sport to most of the students, has been mastered by many. Among the most active participants in these games are S. Weir, R. Bangs, B. Mullen, M. Colby.

A tournament was announced in Badminton, tennis, croquet and horseshoe. Judging from the number of names on the ladders for each tourney, croquet is without doubt the most popular. In fact so many signified their intentions of entering the tourney that two ladders were formed. The upper four ranking players to date are as follows:

LADDER ONE

1. Dr. Russell
2. Elizabeth Campbell
3. Clara Knowles
4. Miss Andrews

LADDER TWO

1. Mary Colby
2. Margaret Stimpson
3. Elizabeth Foss
4. Beatrice Mullen

A play-off between the two leaders will take place to decide Croquet Champion of 1934.

HORSESHOE

A tourney in this sport was conducted for both men and women. The Three Musketeers, Hartford, Gordon, and Wieden, have furnished the chief enthusiasm for men, and E. Campbell, G. Elwell, W. Christie, and D. Tucker continue to lead for girls.

TENNIS

In the tennis tournament, challenges flew back and forth. There was much shifting of names up and down until the upper half of the women's ladder looked like this: 1. H. Robinson, 2. M. Doten, 3. G. Elwell, 4. H. Wihry, 5. A. Elwell, 6. P. Russell, 7. W. Christie.

The most exciting match of the season was played between the winner, Helen Robinson, and the runner-up, Madelyn Doten. The sets ended 6-0, 7-5 in favor of Miss Robinson.

The ladder in the men's division tells the story:

- No. 1. Fred W. Littlefield
- No. 2. Everett Cole
- No. 3. Harry Dorr
- No. 4. Mr. Preble
- No. 5. Mr. Wieden

Fred Littlefield won first place by defeating Everett Cole in two straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

SOFTBALL SERIES

Gorham Normal School boasted three softball teams this summer, representing respectively East Hall, Robie Hall, and the Commuters.

The rules are similar to those of regular baseball with few changes. Seven innings comprise a game. A ball larger and softer than a baseball is used. Men were handicapped by having to throw and bat left handed.

The first game of the season was between East and Robie. The score was 42-17 with East on the long end.

COMMUTERS VS. EAST

The feature of the picnic at Fort Hill was the heated battle between East and the Commuters. Although the Commuters came out on top, the score 13-10 does not tell half of the story. Features of the battle were Nelson's home run in the 6th with no one on and the fielding of Nelson and Alley. Carlton excelled for the winners with a 3 bagger in the first and excellent fielding. He added to the entertainment by breaking the bat in the third. Weir was guilty of an incorrect throw and the play called back. A summary of the game follows:

Score by Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Commuters	5	1	1	6	0	0	—	13	14	4
East Hall	1	1	1	1	3	3	0	10	8	3

2 base hits, Nelson, Hartford; 3 base hits, Carleton; Home run, Nelson; Base on balls, Elwell 4; Strike-outs by Nelson 2, Elwell 4; Winning pitcher, Elwell; Losing pitcher, Nelson. Umpires: Bradford, Mr. Preble, Mr. Woodward. Time: 1.58.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF GORHAM SUMMER SCHOOL

Those attending the summer session of Gorham Normal School have found that many things are offered besides those appearing on the schedule. Our Diversions Committee have worked especially hard this summer that we might enjoy our stay on The Hill. The members of that committee are Chairman, Miss Miriam Andrews, Misses Ruth Bangs, Virginia Snow, Nellie Leeman, Zelda Gordon, Elizabeth Smith, Ruth Ordway, Gwendlyn Elwell, Madeline Nelson, and Messrs. Charles Preble, Clifford Wieden, Louis Woodward, Irvine Gordon, and Everett Davis.

School Sing

July seventh a school sing was enjoyed in Center. Miss Miriam Andrews was the director and Mrs. Laurence Cilley was at the piano. Songs, representative of the various State Normal Schools, were sung.

Bridge Tea

Misses Ruth Bangs, Olive Colesworthy, Ruth Ordway, Dorothy Tucker, and Ardell Elwell were hostesses at a bridge tea given July eighth. Contract and Auction Bridge were played. Clifford O. T. Wieden won the high score in Contract. The winners of Auction prizes were Stanley Weir, Margaret Rowe, and Elizabeth Foss.

Watchic Lake Excursion

One hundred and ten members of the student and faculty bodies motored to Watchic Lake for a picnic supper and good time. Games of Tennis were played, and many took advantage of the opportunity of swimming. Miss Celia Russell swam out a quarter of a mile to rescue a ball which had been lost by one of the children. The feat required strength and expert swimming ability, especially on the shoreward swim.

A splendid picnic supper was served under the direction of Miss Ina Woodward.

On the trip back to Gorham Hill the girls riding in trucks sang school songs.

Faculty Tea

July thirteenth, Misses Ethelyn Upton, Lois E. Pike, Ina Woodward, and Harriette Trask were hostesses at a Faculty Tea served in the library at Robie Hall. The library was attractively decorated for the occasion.

Maine Party

Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Russell entertained at their home on July sixteenth. Members of the Faculty of Gorham Normal School and their friends were the guests.

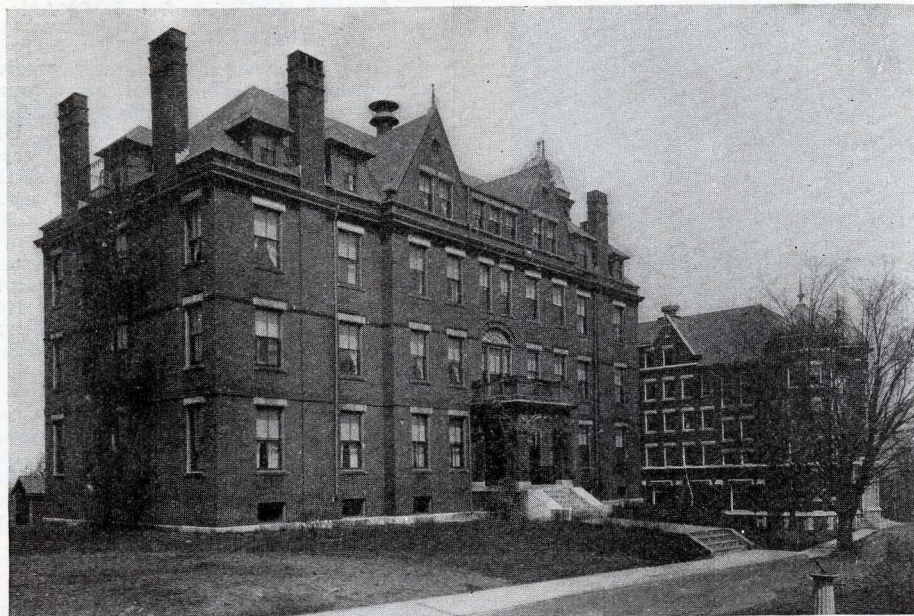
Stunt Night

July seventeenth was celebrated as stunt night at Center. The following stunts were enjoyed alike by the participants and their audience:

- A Mock Wedding
- A Mock Graduation
- The Hairdressers' Band
- Pantomime—Lord Ullin's Daughter
- Canary Choristers
- The Ideal Gym Class

The judges of this worthy contest were Miss Evelyn Littlefield, Miss Charlotte MacFarlane, and Miss Gertrude Stone. They were unanimous in the decision of the "Canary Choristers," the Faculty, as the winners. The most fitting prize of a box of marshmallows was awarded them.

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Robie and East Halls

CALENDAR

July 2—Summer students arrived for registration at 10.00. What a warm reception!
Acquainted? Certainly, after the get-together at Center this evening.

July 3—All set. First chapel was at Russell Hall.
Occupants of center seats in chapel, lend me your ears, "You must either start a little sooner or come a little faster."

July 4—Horse races! Fireworks! Gorham Fair Grounds!
Sight-seeing conducted by Miss Stone.

July 5—Tra-la! la-la! Songsters have formed a Glee Club.
Farmington! Gorham! Both sang tonight.

July 6—Tsk! tsk! Morons can play croquet.

July 7—Gr-r-r! School on Saturday.

July 8—Everyone went to the Methodist Church.

July 9—Mr. Preble put over a point at the dinner table by upsetting a glass of water.

July 10—Cards! Cookies! Iced tea! Bridge Tea of course.

July 11—School picture.

July 12—Picnic at Watchic Pond. *Where were the life guards?* Mrs. Spearin won the boiled egg race.

July 13—Faculty Tea.

July 16—Dr. and Mrs. Russell entertained the faculty this evening.

July 17—Stunt Party at Center. Prize went to "Clever Comb Canaries."

July 18—Dr. Russell gave us some valuable information regarding the Normal School.
Softball teams formed.

July 19—Notice seen in East Hall: Please put all the rubbish in this can on this floor.

July 20—Pictures were taken of the Demonstration School.

July 23—Edith Giles congratulated Grace Dodge on her fine soap-carving of a fence-post. Mrs. Dodge had meant it for a lighthouse!

July 23—Individual help was certainly given to the pupils of the Demonstration School today. Only six came. The others went to the Sunday School picnic.

July 24—Miss Abbie Buck, director of the School Health Department, gave an interesting talk in chapel.
First game of Softball Tournament. Eleanor Ladd played a little *too* strenuously.

July 25—A very sociable period was enjoyed by all in the sociology class. Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Gross and Frances Huse.

July 26—Picnic at Fort Hill. Commuters beat East Hall in Softball. Mr. Preble suggested to Mr. Wieden that it might be more effective to spit on his feet and not on his hands.
Dr. Russell explained the ranking system this morning.

July 27—Has school closed for the summer? No. Everyone has gone away for the week-end.

July 30—Return game of Softball between Commuters and East Hall. East Hall team has forgotten the score.
Dean Upton woke up two sound sleepers with the request *to talk less*.

July 31—"Moonlight Sail" postponed due to "Prebley Weather."
Ooh, what a feast! All of us wished we had a birthday too, Miss Bryer.

August 1—Sunset Sail down Casco Bay.

August 2—Reunion of class of 1930 of Farmington Normal School.
Faculty shore dinner at Angellmere.

August 3—Shower and bridge party was given for Miss Healy.

August 6—Exams began today. Everybody sho' did their stuff.

August 7—Who was married? Mrs. Spearin's car was decorated with crepe paper.

August 8—Three calls for the "Pied Piper of Gorham." The mice have come to Robie Hall.

August 9—Glee Club Concert at Junior High School Auditorium.

August 10—Why the sighs of relief?
School closed today.

TO THE MANY—

On such a day as this is—
Clean wind, fleeced clouds, blue skies,
The campus with its sheltering trees
Are visible Deity, they ope our eyes
To the eternal verities; rip aside the mists
Of false standards set by a blinded world.
Upon my smugness, all the petty interests of this life,
And the trifles that I cherish so, descends a flash
Of all-revealing light, Heaven-hurled.

The Persian carpet of the rolling lawn
Specked with wee flowers, marked with light and shade;
The haven in the centre where the birds
Splash, and pipe an endless serenade
To the God who needs not mad, frantic words,
Entreaties for His gladly given aid.

To the many, many who have passed this way—
The careful guides and friends of groping youth;
The grave student building from day to day
His life's edifice on established Truth.
To all of these who might have been made glad
By Gorham's lovely campus, and who had
Such thoughts as these which are so hard to speak:
Carry them on, though they wane weak,
Fade to pastels, that once were vivid, fair—
You will bear a bit of Beauty everywhere.

RUTH M. WHALEN.

A Notice Found in East Hall

Please put all the rubbish in this can on this floor.

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Party at Watchic

Miss Miriam Andrews and Miss Evelyn Littlefield gave their faculty friends a rare treat when they invited them to their cottage on Lake Watchic. A delightful picnic supper was served and boating and bathing were enjoyed.

Fort Hill

July twenty-sixth, the weather being agreeable, several members of faculty student bodies hiked to Fort Hill, a spot of historic interest. Reaching the Hill, the Commuters at once proceeded to prove their superiority to the East Hall Tigers in the game of Softball. After the game a delicious supper was served. Then a game of Kickball was played, in which Mr. Wieden and Mr. Preble participated, much to the enjoyment of everyone. Finally came the hike back to Gorham Hill.

The Sunset Sail

Eighty members of the student and faculty groups met in front of Robie Hall at four-twenty to start on the Sunset Sail. Three busses afforded transportation to the Custom House Wharf. The boat left the wharf at five-twenty for a two-hour trip through Casco Bay. Great Chebeague Island was its destination. This island is fifteen miles from shore.
A picnic supper was served on the boat.

The party returned to the wharf at seven-thirty and reached Gorham Hill at eight o'clock.